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COVID-19 Test Results: 762 New Cases, 46 Hospitalized; DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2021-27 Rev. 1; COVID-19 Testing Screening Guide Updated to Include Dialysis Patients; Additional COVID-19 Updates

46 Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 5 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	28	16	2	46
Pediatric Admissions	1	-	-	1
ICU	2	2	0	4
Ventilator	1	0	0	1

VACCINATION STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	27	18	1
Total in Population*	133,252	8,355	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	20	215	8

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 20 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 215 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 11 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. **Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

COVID-19 Test Results: 762 New Cases of COVID-19

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **762** new cases of COVID-19 from **2,903** specimens analyzed on February 3, 2022. **63** of the cases reported today are through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of **35,372** officially reported cases, **296** deaths, **6,744** cases in active isolation, and **28,332** not in active isolation.

DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2021-27 Rev. 1

Today, DPHSS issued <u>Guidance Memo 2021-27 Rev. 1</u> to provide updated instruction for the design and implementation of a screening testing program within K-12 Schools, relative to <u>Governor's Executive Order No. 2021-23</u> and rescinds Guidance Memo 2021-26.

DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-27 Rev. 1 states that screening testing is part of a layered prevention strategy that involves testing asymptomatic persons without recent known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. All school COVID-19 screening testing plans must be emailed to DPHSS at dphss.guam.gov. Testing plans are subject to review by DPHSS, and must factor in the following:

- Designating a point of contact
- Designating a screening testing program to include:
 - Establishing testing types, collection method, frequency, scheduling and reporting

- Implementing a screening testing program to include:
 - Developing consent forms, establishing a testing site and meeting facility requirements
- Testing considerations to include:
 - Diagnostic testing for symptomatic individuals, "Test to Stay" testing policy, Contact tracing students, faculty, and staff with known exposure

To read DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-27 Rev. 1 in its entirety, **CLICK HERE**.

COVID-19 Testing Screening Guide Updated to Include Dialysis Patients

Today, DPHSS updated its <u>COVID-19 Testing Screening Guide Memorandum</u> to include hemodialysis patients as part of its risk stratification for close contacts. DPHSS's Screening Guide Memorandum lists the criteria for who may get tested for COVID-19 using a checklist:

1. Are you experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms? If YES, PROCEED to test

Symptoms may include:

Fever or Chills	Headache	Shortness of breath	Muscle or body aches
Cough	Sore Throat	Difficulty breathing	Congestion or runny nose
Fatigue	Diarrhea	New loss of taste or smell	Nausea or vomiting

If individual reports any of the following symptoms, seek emergency care immediately or call 911:

- a. Trouble breathing
- b. Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- c. New confusion
- d. Inability to wake or stay awake
- e. Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

2. Are you a High-Risk Close Contact? If YES, PROCEED to test

High-Risk Close Contacts
Pregnant individuals; or
Hemodialysis patients; or
Age 65 and older; or
Age 50 and older, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, with at least one comorbidity (see COMORBIT CHART)

COMORBID CHART

Chronic Kidney Disease (kidney failure, dialysis)	Heart Disease or high-blood pressure
Obese or overweight	Diabetes

Dependance on medical technology (tracheostomy, gastrostomy, pacemaker, etc.)	Chronic Lung Disease (COPD, asthma, etc.)
Immunosuppressive condition or treatment (such as cancer)	Chronic Liver Disease (cirrhosis, hepatitis, etc.)
Substance Abuse (Current or Former)	Smoker (Current or Former)
Mental Health Condition	Neurological disorder (down-syndrome, cerebral palsy, dementia, Alzheimer's)

NOTE: Individual must simply reply YES and is **not required** to state their medical condition.

3. Are you a Government of Guam employee submitting for testing pursuant to Executive Order 2021-17? If YES, PROCEED to test (refer to DOA Circular 2021-025D)

Tiyan COVID-19 Outreach Appointment-Based Testing

Community COVID-19 testing at the old carnival grounds in Tiyan, Barrigada has transitioned to an appointment-based system with extended hours. Unscheduled drive-ups will be accepted on a limited basis. For the safety of the community and swabbers, only four (4) adults per vehicle are allowed to be tested. To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme.

DPHSS continues to support diagnostic testing for COVID-19 but will be prioritizing COVID-19 testing to target individuals with a likelihood of severe disease, hospitalization, or death due to COVID-19. The DPHSS Screening Guide Memorandum lists the criteria for who may get tested for COVID-19. CLICK HERE to view the guide.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING – Tiyan

To schedule an appointment, visit <u>tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</u>.

Feb. 5, 2022: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. BREAK: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada

COVID-19 testing will be offered by appointment through Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING – DPHSS Community Health Centers

Feb. 5, 2022: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, *Inalåhan*By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme

DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo
By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per
vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered.
Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.

Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time, available at dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.

Schedule Changes to COVID-19 Vaccination Support Clinic

Beginning February 12, the COVID-19 vaccination support clinics for families of children with disabilities will operate from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. These clinics are also open to the community.

COVID-19 VACCINATION SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

Clinic is a partnership between DPHSS, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS), Guam Legal Services Corporation, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, Guam Regional Transit Authority, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, and the Office of the Governor.

Feb. 5, 2022: 9 a.m 3 p.m.	Agat Gym, Hågat - Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.
Feb. 12, 2022: 9 a.m 12 p.m.	Barrigada Mayor's Office, Barrigada - Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.
Feb. 19, 2022: 9 a.m 12 p.m.	Dededo Mayor's Office, Dededo - Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.
Feb. 26, 2022: 9 a.m 12 p.m.	Agat Gym, Hågat - Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson		
Feb. 5, 2022: Sat.: 11 a.m 7 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao: Register at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.	
Feb. 5, 2022: 9 a.m 5 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme	

After-school COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Continues

DPHSS, in partnership with the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), continues after-school vaccination clinics open to the community. All eligible students, with parental consent, are encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

AFTER-SCHOOL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID.		
Feb. 8, 2022: 3 p.m 6 p.m.	Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School	
Feb. 9, 2022: 3 p.m 6 p.m.	B.P. Carbullido Elementary School	
Feb. 10, 2022: 3p.m 6 p.m.	Harry S. Truman Elementary School	

Requirements for Minors to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Parent/legal guardian must provide minor's birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued photo identification (ID)
- Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of February 3, 2022, a total of **133,252** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **13,204** residents 12 - 17 years old. **6,795** residents 5 - 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **4,420** residents 5 - 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **101** residents received their booster shots and a total of **51,935** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.